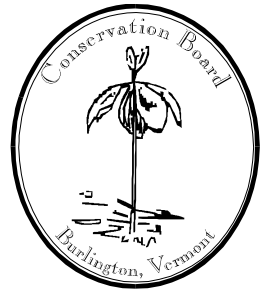


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Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2016 – 5:30 pm
Department of Public Works – Main Meeting Room
645 Pine Street

Attendance

- **Board Members:** Zoe Richards (ZR), Don Meals (DM), Matt Moore (MM), Jeff Severson (JS), Stephanie Young (SY), Will Flender (WF), Damon Lane (DL)
- **Absent:** Scott Mapes (SM), Miles Waite (MW)
- **Public:** None
- **Staff:** Scott Gustin (Planning & Zoning)

MM, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Annual Organizational Meeting

Nomination and election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members.

A MOTION was made by DM and SECONDED by SY:

Nominate existing slate. (DL on Long Range, MM, WF, ZR, and JS on Open Space Subcommittee)

Vote: 6-0-0

Minutes

July 11 2016 meeting minutes

A MOTION was made by DM and SECONDED by ZR:

Accept the July 11 meeting minutes as written.

Vote: 4-0-2

Board Comment

JS, at our last meeting Jesse Bridges said he'd provide an updated fund balance to the Board.

ZR, at Champlain School, there's been a bunch of recent renovation work. When fill was put in, it was full of Japanese knotweed. She's contacted invasive species folks at state. DM, a similar problem was had at Venus Ave. Parks and Rec did some eradication work. WF, cover it with a tarp for 2 years. He'd suggest following up with the school. JS, check the contract for the work. We could suggest wording for future contracts to avoid the problem. WF, we should keep this in mind for review of future school project reviews. DM, why should it only apply to schools? WF, we should make it a condition of all projects to prohibit fill with invasive species. SG, suggested that WF draft some language for consideration. DM, suggested MM inform DRB of its intent to address invasive in project approvals. SG mentioned there's wording in the CDO that touches on avoidance of invasive species for landscaping.

WF requested copy of standard EPSC and Stormwater conditions.

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Public Comment

None.

Open Space Subcommittee

No meeting today.

Project Review

1. 16-0163CU; 702 Lake St (UR, Ward 4N) City of Burlington

Review of winter snow storage for the city.

SG provided review of the proposal and history of permitting. Sharon Bushor had requested BCB review of this activity every time it comes up for review. During the last review by the DRB, noise concerns were expressed and it was also found that the Church Street Marketplace disposes of snow here after every snow event.

DM would like to know if the site has been cleaned up. JS, it seems that a berm of sorts would be appropriate to hold runoff in place. DM is sure that there's pet waste and chloride in the snow. He noted the permit records state meltwater is held in place. JS, it seemed to be a casual observation by Bill Paquette. The rate and amount of melt varies. It should be demonstrated that meltwater is held in place. WF, interesting to ask Deryk Roach or Jesse Bridges if there are nearby Parks' impacts from runoff. DM suggested that some Board member(s) check out the spring melt. JS, big events would be warm rainy spring days.

No applicant present. Defer to November meeting.

Update & Discussion

1. 234 College Street – geotech information as requested for BCB

SG provided background of Board's discussion suggesting infiltration and asking for a copy of the soils findings. SG said it seemed like infiltration may be feasible, but the project is largely constructed now. DM, seems like a data dump without any specific recommendations. JS, it would have been helpful to have someone here to explain the results. WF, this will be helpful information when considering the nearby redevelopment of the YMCA. DL, there's no reason we can't consistently ask for this data. JS, there's an implicit reliance on SM and MW to provide insight. The applicants met the letter if not the spirit of BCB's request. Maybe we need to be more explicit in the future. DM, in the future we need to be sure to ask why infiltration is not possible, what the rationale is. JS noted that soil borings are expensive. Applicants tend to want to know if the project will be hung up for some other reason before conducting the borings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.